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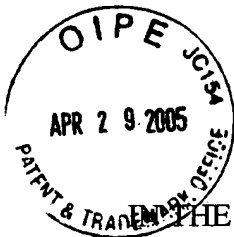
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Claims 1-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matyas et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,431 (Van Oorschot).

As per claim 1, this claim requires, among other things, "means for providing variable security policy rule data for distribution to at least one network node". This claim language was not addressed in the office action and no corresponding means from Matyas or the Van Oorschot reference has been identified for this claim language. Accordingly, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.